

Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons) National Park

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 22 Dec 2024 until 23:59 on Monday 23 Dec 2024
Forecast Issued on Saturday 21 Dec 2024 at 16:43

Confidence: High for very windy, cold and showery conditions on Sunday then a transition to a much milder southwesterly early next week.

Headline for Sunday 22 Dec 2024: Very windy and cold with wintry showers. Drier, brighter in afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 22 Dec 2024

Blizzards No Likelihood	Heavy persistent snow No Likelihood	Storm force winds No Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	Severe chill effect High Likelihood	Poor visibility Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	Heavy persistent rain No Likelihood	Strong sunlight No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers	Light snow showers	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
70%	70%	70%	70%	40%	30%	20%	20%

Forecast for Sunday 22 Dec 2024

Weather: Clear or bright spells and showers, falling as snow to 300m in the morning with a small chance of hail and thunder. The showers will become more scattered in the afternoon, falling as snow above about 500m, with longer sunny spells. Dry with clear spells in evening. Very strong and gusty winds with severe wind chill.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 30% overnight and morning improving to 70% in afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Frequent cloud above 400m overnight and morning, becoming patchy above 600m in the afternoon. Mainly good visibility between showers but poor in showers, down to a few hundred metres at times in snow.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	33/42 W	31/40 W	32/41 W	33/43 NW	32/43 NW	34/45 NW	33/44 NW	33/45 NW	27/38 NW
300	19/39 W	18/36 W	18/37 W	19/39 W	19/38 NW	20/41 NW	19/39 NW	19/40 NW	16/34 NW
Valley	17/38 W	16/36 W	16/35 W	20/42 W	18/38 NW	19/41 NW	18/38 NW	18/39 NW	14/33 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	2/-6	0/-8	-0/-9	-1/-9	0/-8	1/-7	1/-7	1/-7	1/-6
300	4/-2	2/-3	2/-4	2/-4	3/-3	4/-2	4/-2	3/-2	3/-2
Valley	5/-0	3/-2	2/-3	2/-4	4/-2	4/-1	4/-1	4/-1	4/-0
Freezing Level*	700m	500m	400m	300m	500m	600m	500m	500m	600m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Meteorologist's View

Severe gales on high ridges and summits with gusts of 50 to 60mph. Walking severely hampered with a chance of being blown over. Bitterly cold on the tops.

Recent rainfall: measured at Neuadd: altitude 353m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
15:00 on Sat 21 Dec 2024	7mm	13mm	40.8mm

Forecast for Monday 23 Dec 2024

Weather: Clear spells overnight then a dry and sunny start with lighter winds. Turning cloudy in the afternoon with outbreaks of rain and drizzle arriving later. Turning milder.

Maximum wind: Northwest 30mph gusts 45mph easing to 15 to 20mph, becoming Southwest in afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 90% in morning, reducing to 10% in afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Excellent visibility in morning then becoming poor later in afternoon rain. Cloud and fog becoming extensive above 400m by late afternoon, down to low slopes in the west in evening.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 1 to 3C rising to 8C.
At 600m: Minus 1C rising to 3C in afternoon.
Freezing level: 500m, rising above summits in afternoon.